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SUBJ: GERMAN PREFINANCING STATEMENT FOR FORWARD STORAGE SITE AT
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REFS: A. USNATO 2280, 261350Z APR 74

B. SHAPE LETTER 6150.10.1/18-5-124/73, DTD 10 JUL 73,

SUBJ: NATO CRITERIA AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF FORWARD STORAGE SITES (FIRST EDITION).

1. PURSUANT TO TELEPHONIC REQUEST, MISSION HAS QUERIED GERMAN
DELEGATION FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON SUBJECT PROJECT. GERMAN
DELEGATION STATED THAT NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE
WITHIN DELEGATION BEYOND THAT PROVIDED IN GERMAN PREFINANCING NOTE.
SUBSTANCE OF THAT NOTE HAS ALREADY BEEN CONVEYED IN REF A. GERMANY
WILL REQUEST INFORMATION FROM MOD BONN, BUT THIS MAY BE SOME TIME IN
COMING.

2. MEANWHILE, IT MAY BE USEFUL TO QUOTE THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION FROM PARA 6 REFB, CLASSIFIED NATO RESTRICTED.

QUOTE. INSTALLATION CONCEPTS.

A. ALL STORAGE STRUCTURES WILL NORMALLY BE ABOVE GROUND
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THOUGH SOME UNDERGROUND STORAGE MAY BE CONSIDERED, WHEN THE CON-
STRUCTION AT SUCH FACILITIES (UNDERGROUND) IS AT COMPARABLE COST.
FOR AMMUNITION IN PARTICULAR A GREATER DEGREE OF PROTECTION WITHIN
A SMALLER AREA MIGHT BE OBTAINED BY TUNNELLING, WHEN
SUCH CONSTRUCTION IS AT COMPARABLE COST.

B. ALL ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES INCLUDING LIVING QUARTERS FOR PERSONNEL WILL BE A NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, EXCEPT THE OPERATION AND GUARD BUILDING.

C. ONE SITE MIGHT INCLUDE, FOR INSTANCE, MAGAZINES AND BUNKERS FOR CLASS V SUPPLIES; WAREHOUSES FOR CLASS I SUPPLIES; OPEN STORAGE AREAS WITH LIMITED COVERED STORAGE FOR CLASSES II AND IV SUPPLIES; ONE

COMBINED OPERATIONS AND GUARD BUILDING; NECESSARY SENTRY BOXES OR DOG KENNELS; FENCE; INTERNAL ROADS; AND OTHER EQUIPMENT (LIGHTING INSTALLATIONS, ALERT SYSTEMS) NECESSARY TO SECURE THE ENCLOSURE IN WHICH THE STORAGE FACILITIES WILL BE LOCATED. BUILDINGS AND OPEN STORAGE AREAS OF THE SITE MUST BE SEPARATED BY DISTANCES

ADEQUATE FOR EXPLOSIVE SAFETY AND ACCORDING TO THE HOST NATION'S SECURITY LAWS. ALL BUILDINGS AND OPEN STORAGE AREAS OF THE SITE MUST BE SERVED BY ROADS AND POWER SUPPLY.

D. COLLING, AIR CONDITIONING OR ADDITIONAL RE-WARMING STORAGE WILL NOT BE PROVIDED IN STORAGE MAGAZINES, BUNKERS, AND WAREHOUSES. DEHUMIDIFIERS, HOWEVER, WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS WITH FULL JUSTIFICATION BEING MANDATORY.

3. VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRAIN TRAFFIC IN EACH FENCED-IN AREA

SHOULD BE VIA A SINGLE, GUARDED ENTRANCE (GATE).

F. NECESSARY UTILITIES CONNECTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE OPERATIONS AND GUARD BUILDING AND TO DOG KENNELS WHERE THESE ARE PROVIDED, FROM THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ENCLOSURE. ANY UTILITIES CONNECTIONS BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SITE (LOCAL UTILITIES) ARE REQUIRED. (SIC) END QUOTE.

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3. UPON RECEIPT FROM GERMAN DELEGATION OF SPECIFIC DETAILS OF PROJECT,

MISSION WILL ADVISE. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO MAKE SEPARATE INQUIRY THROUGH COMMERCIAL ATTACHE, AMEMBASSY BONN, SINCE DELEGATIONS FREQUENTLY INFER THAT MORE RAPID RESPONSE CAN BE OBTAINED IN THIS MANNER TO SUCH INQUIRIES.MCAULIFFE

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